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SUBJ: CONGOLESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

1. PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR EKONDY TOLD CHARGE MAR 15 THAT PRES
YHOMBY-OPANGO HAS APPROVED HIS SUGGESTION THAT CONGOLESE CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE, NOW AN ENCLAVE OF FRENCH COLONS WITH PARTICIPATION
OF AN UNEVEN QUALITY OF CONGOLESE BUSINESSMEN, WOULD BE GOING
OUT OF BUSINESS SHORTLY, TO BE ABSORBED BY A "MORE FAVORABLE-
LOOKING GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION."

2. NATURALLY, IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHAT NEW FORM CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE MAY TAKE BEFORE WE PASS JUDGEMENT. BUT, ONCE CHAMBER IS
CHANGED, REMAINING "BUSINESS SEVICE" ORGANIZATIONS, LOCAL
CHAPTERS OF LIONS AND ROTARY, LIKELY WILL BE LOOKED AT. AS
DISCUSSED BY CHARGE WITH COMMERCE UNDERSECRETARY HARMON IN
WASHINGTON RECENTLY, IT WOULD BE MUCH PREFERABLE TO HAVE LIONS
AND ROTARY, LOCALLY BOTH CLOSE TO BEING LILY-WHITE STANDOUTS,
PUT THEIR OWN HOUSES IN ORDER FIRST, POSSIBLY WITH ENCOUREGMENT
FROM US PARENT ORGANIZATIONS.

3. FYI: LIONS AND ROTARY HERE HAVE LEFT IMPRESSION WITH CONGOLESE
THAT THEY ARE SOLELY FRENCH INSTITUTIONS, WITHOUT EVEN ANY
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DISTANT AMERICAN PARENTAGE. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THIS
MAY BE JUST AS WELL, BUT I WOULD PREFER, AS I AM SURE LIONS
AND ROTARY USA WOULD, TO HAVE THEIR NAMESAKES LIVE UP TO THE
GOALS OF THEIR AMERICAN COUNTERPARTS. END FYI.
KATZEN

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